

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A supply device for the supply of pressure fluid into at least one vehicle brake, comprising the following features:

a piston is movably arranged in an accommodating member,

a carrier bears a non-return valve arranged coaxially to the piston for the purpose of ventilating a working chamber into which the piston plunges,

a resetting spring is arranged between the carrier and the piston, wherein

a multi-piece cage comprising separable cage parts allows inserting for accommodating
the resetting spring ~~into the cage parts,~~

the cage parts comprise fastening means that lock the cage ~~due to relative~~
~~displacement of the cage parts,~~ and

the resetting spring is caged and simultaneously elastically preloaded under the
relative displacement of the cage parts,

said fastening means comprising at least two locking arms formed on one cage part
and at least two holes formed on another cage part, each locking arm having a resiliently
deformable and unconstrained end configured for engaging a hole of another cage part upon
relative displacement of the cage parts.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The supply device as claimed in claim ~~18~~16, wherein at least two
~~the two active-fastening means provided on a cage part~~ are generally arranged opposite each
other on the cage part.

20. (Currently Amended) A supply device for the supply of pressure fluid into at least one vehicle brake, comprising the following features:

a piston is movably arranged in an accommodating member,

a carrier bears a non-return valve arranged coaxially to the piston for the purpose of ventilating a working chamber into which the piston plunges,

a resetting spring is arranged between the carrier and the piston,

a multi-piece cage comprising separable cage parts that allows inserting the resetting spring into the cage parts,

the cage parts comprise fastening means that lock the cage due to relative displacement of the cage parts, wherein

each cage part includes fastening means provided in pairs and lying diametrically opposite each other.

21. (Currently Amended) The supply device as claimed in claim 20, wherein ~~opposed~~ opposing fastening means of a cage part ~~have an equal design~~ are the same.

22. (Currently Amended) The supply device as claimed in claim 20, wherein opposing ~~opposed~~ fastening means of a cage part ~~have a~~ are different design.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A supply device for the supply of pressure fluid into at least one vehicle brake, comprising the following features:~~

~~— a piston is movably arranged in an accommodating member,~~

~~— a carrier bears a non-return valve arranged coaxially to the piston for the purpose of ventilating a working chamber into which the piston plunges,~~

~~— a resetting spring is arranged between the carrier and the piston, wherein~~

~~— a multi-piece cage allows inserting the resetting spring into the cage parts,~~

~~— the cage parts comprise fastening means that lock the cage due to relative displacement of the cage parts, and~~

~~— the resetting spring is caged and simultaneously elastically preloaded under the relative displacement of the cage parts,~~ The supply device as claimed in claim 16, wherein at

least one cage part includes a separate guiding portion, for radial centering and guiding of the at least one cage part with another cage part.

24. (Currently Amended) The supply device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the guiding portion of the at least one cage part has a rounded or inclined conical configuration so that the ~~associated a mating cage part~~ is automatically lead into the a correct position during locking operation of the at least one cage part and the mating cage part.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A supply device for the supply of pressure fluid into at least one vehicle brake, comprising the following features:~~

- ~~—— a piston is movably arranged in an accommodating member,~~
- ~~—— a carrier bears a non-return valve arranged coaxially to the piston for the purpose of ventilating a working chamber into which the piston plunges,~~
- ~~—— a resetting spring is arranged between the carrier and the piston,~~
- ~~—— a multi-piece cage allows inserting the resetting spring into the cage parts,~~
- ~~—— the cage parts comprise fastening means that lock the cage due to relative displacement of the cage parts,~~
- ~~—— and the resetting spring is caged and simultaneously elastically preloaded under the relative displacement of the cage parts, wherein~~

The supply device as claimed in claim 16, wherein a cage part has a cylindrical wall with which the cage is accommodated in the carrier for forming a modular unit, and in that the a carrier-side accommodating area of the cage part is provided independently of and spaced from the fastening means for of the cage parts.

26. (Currently Amended) A supply device for the supply of pressure fluid into at least one vehicle brake, comprising the following features:

- a piston is movably arranged in an accommodating member,
- a carrier bears a non-return valve arranged coaxially to the piston for the purpose of ventilating a working chamber into which the piston plunges,
- a resetting spring is arranged between the carrier and the piston,

a multi-piece cage comprising separable cage parts for accommodating ~~allows inserting~~
the resetting spring into the cage parts,

the cage parts comprise fastening means that lock the cage due to relative
displacement of the cage parts, ~~and~~

the resetting spring is caged and simultaneously elastically preloaded under the
relative displacement of the cage parts, and

a catch-type engagement is provided for fastening the cage parts to one another, ~~and~~
~~at least one said catch-type engagement comprising locking recesses being provided on at~~
~~least one of the cage parts and a plurality of locking arms is provided on at least one of~~
~~the other cage parts, each locking arm being configured for engagement into with a~~
respective locking recess of the associated cage part, wherein

the cage parts have a larger number of locking arms than locking recesses, and in that
in ~~the a~~ cage-part circumferential direction (U), ~~the a~~ width (B) of the locking arms is
considerably smaller than a width (b) of the locking recesses so that cage parts can be locked
directly arranged as upon twisting the cage parts twisted as desired relative to each other in
the cage-part circumferential direction (U) ~~can be locked directly~~.

27. (Previously Presented) The supply device as claimed in claim 26, wherein one end of
the resetting spring is directly movable into abutment on a bottom of the cage part, and in
that the other end of the resetting spring is movable into abutment on a brim of the cage part
by way of a bowl-shaped spring retainer.

28. (Currently Amended) The supply device as claimed in claim 27, wherein a bowl wall of
the bowl-shaped spring retainer extends at least in part over a piston end of the supply
device.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a supply device for the supply of
pressure fluid into at least one vehicle brake comprising the steps of:

~~spring assembly comprising two cage parts and a resetting spring for use in an~~
~~electronically controlled brake system, wherein~~

inserting a resetting spring between two cage parts of a multi-piece cage;

displacing the cage parts in relation to each other thereby compressing and elastically preloading the resetting spring between the two cage parts;

radially aligning fastening means of the cage parts together during the displacing step;
and

engaging the fastening means of the cage parts to lock the cage parts together.

~~for the elastically preloaded casing of the resetting spring is provided in such a fashion that the resetting spring can be inserted into cage parts and compressed with these, and the cage parts provided with fastening means are locked at each other due to displacement of the cage parts in relation to each other, with a simultaneous preloading of the resetting spring.~~

30. (New) A supply device for the supply of pressure fluid into at least one vehicle brake, comprising:

a piston movably arranged in an accommodating member,

a working chamber into which the piston plunges,

a resetting spring positioned within the working chamber for biasing the piston,

a multi-piece cage comprising separable cage parts for accommodating the resetting spring, wherein the resetting spring is caged and simultaneously elastically preloaded under relative displacement of the cage parts, and

fastening means for locking the cage, said fastening means including at least two locking arms formed on one cage part and at least two holes formed on another cage part, each locking arm having a resiliently deformable and unconstrained end configured for engaging a hole of another cage part upon relative displacement of the cage parts.